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## **SCR 1028**

Introduced by  
Senator Martin

### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY 24, 2006 AS ARIZONA AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1       Whereas, every day aviation maintenance technicians throughout Arizona  
2 use their skills and knowledge to personally guarantee the safe mechanical  
3 reliability of general aviation and commercial aviation aircraft alike; and

4       Whereas, the responsibility and integrity of these men and women are  
5 paramount in ensuring the safety of millions of passengers and crews each  
6 year; and

7       Whereas, these unsung heroes do not receive recognition for the role  
8 they play in one of the most important aspects of our economy; and

9       Whereas, the professional aviation maintenance technician is the last  
10 line of defense in America's aviation Homeland Security infrastructure; and

11       Whereas, certificated aviation maintenance technicians in Arizona  
12 personally affirm the airworthiness of the aircraft on which they are working  
13 by affixing their legal signature in the permanent aircraft maintenance  
14 records; and

15       Whereas, Charles Edward Taylor was born on May 24, 1868; and

16       Whereas, in 1902, Charles Edward Taylor began working as a machinist  
17 for Orville and Wilber Wright at the Wright Cycle Company in Dayton,  
18 Ohio. His efforts enabled the Wright brothers to travel to Kill Devil Hills,  
19 North Carolina to perform tests in preparation for the first powered flight;  
20 and

21       Whereas, in order for the first powered flight to take place, Charles  
22 Edward Taylor fabricated the first aircraft engine of his own design in only  
23 six weeks, using only hand tools, a lathe, a drill press and his skills and  
24 ingenuity; and

25       Whereas, Charles Edward Taylor's skills and ingenuity earned him a  
26 place in aviation history as the first aviation maintenance technician when  
27 the Wright brothers successfully flew their airplane on December 17, 1903,  
28 and he continued to design and build engines for the Wright brothers; and

29       Whereas, Charles Edward Taylor served as lead mechanic for Calbraith  
30 (Cal) Rodgers, who made the first transcontinental flight in 1911; and

31       Whereas, Charles Edward Taylor had a successful career in aviation  
32 maintenance for more than 60 years and was honored by the Federal Aviation  
33 Administration with the establishment of the Charles Edward Taylor "Master  
34 Mechanic" Award, which recognizes persons with 50 years or more as an  
35 aviation maintenance technician.

36 Therefore

37 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
38 Representatives concurring;

39       1. That May 24, 2006 be recognized as Arizona Aviation Maintenance  
40 Technician Day to honor the professional women and men who ensure the safety  
41 and security of our airborne aviation infrastructure.

42       2. That the members of the Arizona Legislature honor the life and  
43 memory of Charles Edward Taylor, the aviation maintenance technician who  
44 built and maintained the engine that was used to power the Wright brothers'  
45 first flying machine on December 17, 1903.

46       3. The Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of  
47 this Resolution to the Aviation Safety Advisory Group of Arizona.